

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 12 are pending, with Claims 1, 11, and 12 being independent. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, and 12 have been amended.

Claims 1 through 12 yet again were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over the same documents previously applied, namely US 6,604,215 B1 (Chiba), US 6,452,943 B1 (Furuva), JP-A 2002-084471 (“JP ‘471”), JP-A 2001-359073 (“JP ‘073”), and US 2003/0066078 A1 (Bjorgan, et al.), and US 6,654,416 B1 (Alexandre, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 11, and 12 variously recite, *inter alia*, when the abnormality of the communication (by detecting whether the amount of buffering of the video data gets under a predetermined level) is detected, controlling to continue the output of the video data from a position at which the abnormality is detected to a position instructed in the interruption point data, so as to display a video image based on the video data, and stop the output of the video data at the position instructed in the interruption point data (with the interruption point data is incorporated in the data on a stream broadcast relating to scene partitions of a program on the stream broadcast), wherein outputting from the memory and storing into the memory the video data are simultaneously performed by controlling the memory so as to conserve a predetermined amount of buffering.

However, Applicants respectfully submit none of Chiba, Furuva, JP ‘471, JP ‘073, Bjorgan, et al., and Alexandre, et al., even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features

as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 11, and 12.

Applicants respectfully submit that Chiba refers, e.g., to “section data” and states that section data “include data necessary for conditional accessing and the electronic program guide (EPG) as well as data called program specific information (PSI), which are required for channel selection” (e.g., col.1 , lines 42-45), and that Chiba furthermore discloses, e.g., that when the C/N ratio drops, error correction becomes impossible, and pictures (video data) can no longer be displayed, and furthermore discloses, e.g., use of a BER and a lock/unlock signal (e.g., col. 5); however, Applicants respectfully submit that such provides neither a description nor a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 11, and 12.

Applicants respectfully submit that JP '471 discloses, e.g., in paragraph [0023] that video data D5 is transferred to a display and also stored in a video memory 36, simultaneously; however, therein, at a normal operation, the video data transferred to the display is not one stored in the memory, but is one outputted directly from a video decoder 31 (see, e.g., Figs. 2 and 3); the video data stored in the video memory 36 is read out therefrom, instead of the video data from the video decoder 31, at a time of detecting an abnormality (see, e.g., paragraphs [0013] and [0017]). Applicants respectfully submit that such provides neither a disclosure nor a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 11, and 12.

Applicants further respectfully submits that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed

above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (202) 530-1010 to schedule a personal interview.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should to be directed to our below listed address.

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